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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: CZECH-GERMAN BILATERAL

1. THE CZECHS AND GERMANS DISCUSSED CBM'S YESTERDAY
DURING THE COURSE OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE,
BUT THE CZECHS REALLY HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER ON THE
SUBJECT. THE CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING TODAY AND THE
EMBASSY WILL REPORT LATER ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE
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DISCUSSIONS.

2. THE LEADER OF THE CZECH DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR HANDL, MENTIONED THE WARSAW PACT NON-FIRST-USE PROPOSAL AS WELL AS PAST SOVIET UN DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AS SUITABLE MEANS FOR INCREASING CONFIDENCE AMONG STATES. HANDL CONTINUED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA BELIEVED CBM'S MUST BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT THAT THE CZECHS HAD NOT HELD MANEUVERS OF OVER 25,000 MEN.

3. WHEN FONOFF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEYER-LANDRUT COMPLAINED ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NON-ACCEPTANCE OF OBSERVER INVITATIONS, HANDL EXPRESSED HIS REGRET AND INDICATED THAT THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE CZECH EMBASSY. HE SAID HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES.

4. HANDL NOTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS CBM'S AT BELGRADE, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE ANY IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PARAMETERS. HE SAID- THAT THE PARTICIPATING STATES HAD NOT YET ATTAINED A SUFFICIENT DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. HANDL DID NOT MENTION THE STANDARD WARSAW PACT PROPAGANDA LINE ABOUT NATO MANEUVERS VIOLATING THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI.

5. HANDL SAID BELGRADE WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DISCUSS MBFR AND THAT HIS COUNTRY DID NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY LINK BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR. RATHER, DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL MATTERS SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE FORA (UN, CCD), WHERE THEY WERE NOW TREATED. THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD SUPPORT SUCH EFFORTS.

6. COMMENT: THE EXCHANGE ON CBM'S LASTED ONLY 20 MINUTES AND WAS EVEN SHORTER SUBSTANTIVELY BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR TRANSLATION. HANDL'S STATEMENT ABOUT KEEPING CBM PARAMETERS THE SAME BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH CONFIDENCE HAD BEEN BUILT UP AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES PROVIDED AN INTERESTING TWIST OF LOGIC.
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